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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants	Ronny Knepple, et al.
Serial No. 09/403,072	Filing Date: January 19, 2000
Title of Application	Method For Labelling Sample Containers
Group Art Unit: 2876	Examiner: Diane I. Lee

Box Fee Amendment  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**Preliminary Amendment Accompanying a Request for a CPA**

In response to the outstanding Final Office Action dated July 19, 2002, Applicants submit the following Preliminary Amendment and Request for a Continuation Prosecution Application.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claim 12.

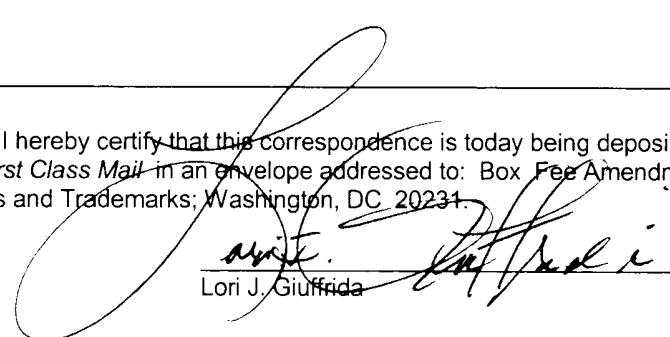
**Version with Markings to Show Changes Made:**

Please replace claim 2 with the following amended claim 2:

2. (Twice Amended) A method as claimed in 10, characterized in that the elevated temperature [interval] is between 300°C and 600°C.

**Express Mail Certificate:** I hereby certify that this correspondence is today being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Box Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks, Washington, DC 20231.

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